

House Resolution 790

By: Representative Burkhalter of the 50th

A RESOLUTION

1 Recognizing and commending Mr. William J. "Johnny" Gresham, Jr.; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Mr. William J. "Johnny" Gresham, Jr., has long been recognized by the citizens
3 of this state for the vital role that he has played in leadership and his deep personal
4 commitment to the welfare of the citizens of Georgia; and

5 WHEREAS, he diligently and conscientiously devoted innumerable hours of his time,
6 talents, and energy toward the betterment of his community and state as evidenced
7 dramatically by his superlative service for 18 years on the Georgia Department of
8 Transportation Board; and

9 WHEREAS, a native of Washington, Georgia, Mr. Gresham graduated from
10 Washington-Wilkes High School and earned a bachelor's degree from the Georgia Institute
11 of Technology; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Gresham began his career in real estate, establishing the Gresham Realty
13 Company in October, 1969, and becoming the managing partner of the real estate
14 development firm, Lincoln Property Company, in 1980; and

15 WHEREAS, in 1984, Mr. Gresham formed the successful office building development
16 company, City Group, Inc., before being elected to the Georgia House of Representatives for
17 the 21st District in 1986 and then to the Georgia Department of Transportation Board in
18 1989; and

19 WHEREAS, before his end of service with the Board in 2007, Mr. Gresham served a term
20 as vice chairman and two terms as chairman; and

21 WHEREAS, his significant organizational and leadership talents, his remarkable patience
22 and diplomacy, his keen sense of vision, and his sensitivity to the needs of the citizens of this
23 state have earned him the respect and admiration of his colleagues and associates; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Gresham is united in love and marriage to his devoted wife, Lynda, and he
25 is blessed with two remarkable daughters, Lynn and Rhonda; and

26 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this
27 remarkable and distinguished Georgian be appropriately recognized.

28 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
29 the members of this body commend Mr. William J. "Johnny" Gresham, Jr., for his efficient,
30 effective, unselfish, and dedicated public service to the State of Georgia.

31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
32 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. William J. "Johnny"
33 Gresham, Jr.